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BE PATIENT WITH THE LIVING.

Sweet friend, when thou and I are gone
Beyond earth's weary labor,
When small be our need of grace
From comrade or from neighbor;
Passed all the strife, the toil, the care,
And done with, all the sighing—
What tender truth shall we have gained,
Alas! by simply dying!

Then lips too charry of their praise
Will tell our merits over,
And eyes too swift our faults to see,
Shall no defect discover.
Then hands that would not lift a stone
Where stones were thick to cumber
Our steep hill path, will scatter flowers
Above our pillowed slumber.

Sweet friend, perchance both you and I,
Ere long is past forgiving,
Should take the earnest lesson home—
Be patient with the living!
To-day's repressed rebuke may save
Our blinding tears to-morrow;
Then patience e'en when keenest edge
May wet a nameless sorrow.

'Tis easy to be gentle when
Death's silence shames our clamor,
And easy to discern the best
Through memory's mystic glamour;
But wise it were for thee and me,
Ere long is past forgiving,
To take the tender lesson home—
Be patient with the living!

A STORY OF MONTE CARLO.

On January 19, 1871, the French army, beseiged in Paris, fought its last battle—the battle of despair. For four weary months we had suffered mentally and physically all that human beings can suffer in this world. Doubt and apprehension had succeeded to enthusiasm and to illusion. Then came the sinister news of treason and defeat, then cold, then hunger, then the bombardment, until our bodies, racked and wasted with misery, had nothing left but hope to sustain them.

Such a condition of things could not continue indefinitely, and a final and desperate effort had become inevitable. The whole population clamored for a decisive battle; the National Guards, who were composed of fathers of families, many of them gray-bearded, claimed the honor to march upon the enemy. The governor realized that the hour for supreme action had arrived, and resolved to fight the great battle of Montretout.

Throughout the whole day and night troops, from the forts cross Paris, marching toward Mont Valerien. The poor soldiers are terribly exhausted, and their faces show the traces of their sufferings.

Think for a moment of the weary long weeks during which they have slept in the snow, while for some days they have only subsisted upon a meagre ration of black bread and a morsel of horse-flesh. Nevertheless, they march proudly with that calm demeanor which accompanies a quiet conscience.

On the boulevards, as the regiments file past, the crowd applaud, and from time to time women rush forward to embrace, perhaps for the last time, a son or a husband marching to the front.

But now appears a regiment which calls forth in an especial manner the applause of the crowd. From one end to the other of the boulevards the hurrahs ring out, while from the windows the women wave their handkerchiefs. It is the regiment of the "Friends of France," which, like its predecessors, is going to the front. In this regiment there are no Frenchmen—only foreigners, friends of France, who by their devotion have wished to testify their love to a nation whose hospitality they have so long enjoyed. One soldier in particular attracts my attention—a man of about forty, with a bronzed complexion, and an expression of great energy on his face. I ask who he is, and learn that his name is John Burter, and that he is an American who for more than fifteen years has commanded a merchant vessel, of which he is also the owner. One day while on a voyage with his wife and child he was overtaken by a violent tempest when just about to enter Havre. In vain the captain battled with all his power against the elements; his vessel was disabled and went aground. John Burter gave up all hope of saving her, for at any moment his ship might founder, when he saw in the distance a little life-boat manned by four gallant pilots, who were making strenuous efforts to reach the distressed vessel. Suddenly a huge wave carried away one of these brave sailors, but his comrades were not discouraged. A second wave swept away a second sailor, but the life-boat still struggled onward. John Burter's vessel was on the verge of foundering, and he had clasped his wife and his son to his breast, when a tow-rope thrown by the men in the life-boat fell at his feet. His vessel was saved, and saved through the splendid devotion of four French pilots.

This devotion had inspired John Burter with a warm sympathy for France. Thus, when misfortune befell her, John Burter was one of the first to enlist in the regiment of the "Friends of France." Frenchmen had saved his life, that of his wife, and that of his son. In his turn he would sacrifice himself, if it were necessary, for France Throughout the day on which the battle of Montretout took place John Burter fought like a lion, and when in the evening the bugle sounded the retreat, the brave captain lay in the midst of a heap of the enemy's corpses, terribly wounded, but still breathing. His gallantry had been told to the general commanding, and when the latter passed the wounded man, he took off the cross of honor which he wore on his tunic, and clasping it on John Burter's breast, said to him: "Captain, accept this cross; it is the highest reward that France can bestow on brave men. In the name of my country I bestow it on you." On the following day John Burter died in the field hospital, but before closing his eyes forever he confided the cross to a friend, saying as he handed it to him: "You will give this cross to my son, that it may be a talisman which may always keep him in the path of honor and duty. If ever an evil thought crosses his mind, let him look at this cross, let him think of his father, and I feel sure that he will immediately return to the sentiments which alone are worthy of an honorable man."

Long after the events recorded had taken place, chance led me to the shores of the Mediteranean. For many days I staid at Monaco, not to gamble, for, thank Heaven, I have never felt the passion of play, but to settle some family business. Morning after morning I had traveled along the coast, and had admired the truly admirable picture which nature offers to the traveller who goes from Nice to Genoa by the Corniche road, when one day the fancy seized me to enter the Monte Carlo Casino. The impression I received was strange, and I must frankly confess that the sight which met my eyes contrasted disagreeably with the beauties which nature has lavished upon this country. If the view from the top of the terrace of Monte Carlo dazzles the eyes, calms the mind, and fills the soul with an infinite charm, the scene which the gaming saloon presents troubles the sight, saddens the heart, and fills one with a feeling of weariness and depression.

Picture to yourself a splendid saloon brilliantly lighted by numerous chandeliers; the walls are magnificently decorated but the sole furniture of the room consists of tables and chairs. On each table may be seen a roulette wheel, miniature rakes, and a locked box. Gradually the crowd enters, and the gaming saloon is filled. Visitors of the most varied types take their places round the tables, the croupiers come in, open the box, fill it with bank-notes, and pile up before them heapes of gold. The play begins. This consists of throwing an ivory ball, which revolves in a wheel—a species of round basin with numbers, and which is itself whirling in an opposite direction. There are thirty-six numbers on the wheel without counting zero. Each player stakes a sum of money upon a number. The croupiers pay thirty-six times the sum which is staked on the number at which the balls stops. All the money risked on the other numbers forms the gains of the Casino.

A gentleman of military appearance is standing near a table. He stakes a louis, and whether he gains or whether he loses, the sum which he risks never varies—it is always a louis. Across the table a young woman is noting down the winning numbers; for hours together she is absorbed in this occupation, and in the evening, when she returns to her hotel, she devotes herself to making innumerable calculations. She reckons how many times each number has come out during the day, she strikes an average, and thus settles the number on which next day she will risk the money at her command. At another table two players of a different temperament face each other. One is brutalized by play, the other is impassive; he has what is called "a strong stomach." Whether he loses or whether he wins, his face always remains the same. No nervous contraction betrays the feelings which are agitating his heart. He digests equally well all fortune's vagaries, and when the roulette carries off the sheaf of bank-notes which is before him, the digestion of this loss does not appear to give him the slightest discomfort—hence his name of "strong stomach."

I had been in the gambling saloon for some moments when I noticed a young couple enter. The woman was French, the man spoke English, but with a strong American accent. Doubtless they were a newly married couple who had come to Monte Carlo for their honey-moon. Both took their places at a table and began to play.

"The 9th of December was our wedding day," whispers the young woman in her husband's ear. "Suppose we choose the number 9; perhaps it will bring us luck?"

"Just as you like," answers her huband, and they placed £5 on the number 9.

The ball is thrown, and whirls around the wheel. The husband, with his hands on the table, awaits the result almost with indifference. The lady, somewhat less cool puts, up her glasses to get a better view. the ball revolves for a long time, but eventually slackens its pace, passes slowly by the numbers 33, 1, 20, 14, 31, and finally stops at number 9.

The croupier takes £180 in gold, and noisily sounding the coins, places them before the young woman, who smilingly takes a rake, and heaps up a little mountain of gold.

"If instead of £5," says the husband, "we had risked £100, we should have gained a small fortune, £3600, and we might have abandoned the idea of living on board our vessel."

"Let us risk £100, as we have won it. It was on January 17th that you were so nearly drowned at sea with your father and mother: let us put £100 on number 17."

The £100 are placed on No. 17. The ball revolves, and quite gently, as though guided by an invisible hand, stops at number 17.

"Every one for himself!" exclaims the husband, gathering in the huge packet of notes which the croupier passes him. "It is I who risked the £100; The winnings should belong to me."

"I thought that between us two all was in common," said his companion, timidly.

"At play—no. I repeat, every one for himself."

"Our winnings are considerable," ventured the lady. "Let us leave the room, and go back to Marseilles, where your vessel awaits you."

"You are mad, don't you see that I have a run of luck? I mean to break the bank."

In fact, the young American, excited by his extraordinary success, begins to play wildly. But, alas! the little ivory ball seems to have become capricious. One bank-note follows another, and the "run of luck" does not appear to return. In a very short time all his winnings have been lost, and more than once our player has plunged his hand into his pocket to draw out money which was not intended to be risked at play. The more he loses, the more he plays, only to lose again. All his money passes to the croupiers, and only when he has exhausted his last five-franc piece does he determine to tear himself from this table, at which he has left the half of his fortune. This fortune which he has lost—the savings which his father had accumulated by dint of labor and thrift—was not mere idle pocket-money. This money was to be devoted to pay for the fitting out of a merchant vessel of which he was about to take the command. What should he do now? How could he get out of the difficulty? How would he retrieve his compromised position? Only one resource remained to him—to go to Marseilles and to borrow the money which he needed on the security of his vessel.

The Casino authorities accord him a *viatique*, that is to say, the exact sum neccessary for him and his wife to return to Marseilles. Furnished with this *viatique*, both take train thither. How sad is their journey! What a honey-moon! What a contrast to their journey of a few days since, when with a clear conscience and a peaceful mind the two young people thought only of love and the enjoyments of life! In a few days both have aged many years, and have riveted to their feet one of those convicts' cannon-balls which can never be cast off. As soon as he reaches Marseilles the young American goes to his banker, and with much difficulty succeeds in borrowing the sum which he needs; but thence-forward his ship is no longer his own. This fine, coquettish craft, of which for the first time he was about to take the command, this ship the purchase of which had absorbed all his fortune and that of his wife, this vessel on the stern of which shone in golden letters the name of *Montretout*, and on board of which he hoped, like his father, to pass a long glorious career, now belongs to his creditors. Doubtless, according to the old custom of the sea, he is still "master on his own ship after God," but in reality he is no longer master of his ship. Henceforward an unsuccessful voyage, a wreck, a bad commercial speculation, would give his creditors a right to dismiss him from his vessel. And all this for what? Because he had lost £4000 at play. But what play had filched from him, play might restore to him. "Supposing he returned to Monaco," he thinks. "Perhaps this time fortune may smile upon him. What happiness if he could come home and tell his wife, 'I have repaired all my losses, the *Montretout* is again mine.'" Yes, he must play again, and yet again.

The young captain returns to Monaco. He plays, and looses; he loses a second time, and yet a third time, and always. By nine o'clock that evening he has nothing left, and despair seizes his whole being. He is an intelligent man, well educated, young; and seated in the garden at Monte Carlo, with his head buried in his hands, he debates whether he shall not commit a crime—whether he had not better throw himself from the rocky height into the sea.

Suddenly, while putting his hand on his heart, he touches something hard. He feels in the pocket of his waistcoat, and finds a little leather case, which contains a cross of honor He clutches the cross with his nervous fingers, and at this moment his sight grows dim, his head swims, his legs give way, and he seems to hear a voice which says, "My son, if ever an evil thought comes into your mind, look at this cross; it will bring you back to the path of honor and duty."

The young man rises with a livid face and distorted features; he casts a look to the right and left like a malefactor meditating a crime; then he hastens with rapid steps to the Cafe de Paris. A man is seated at a table; every one at Monte Carlo knows him—Shylock, who lends money on pledges. He has only one god, and that god is money.

The young captain draws near the table, and taking his father's cross of honor from his pocket, says, "How much will you lend me on this cross?"

"Five francs," answers the Jew, after having examined it.

"Take it, and give me the five francs."

He seizes the five-franc piece, and returns to the Casino; he enters the gambling saloon; he sees no one. He is in a high fever, his head burns, there is a singing in his ears, his eyes fail him. He goes to the table, and sees nothing but a mass of gold and a crowd of hands. Oh, those hands! What a sight they present! Some are clinched, others seem to hesitate before releasing the twenty-franc piece which they hold between their fingers; others, again, like devil-fish, appear to enlace the packets of bank-notes.

William Burter in his turn puts forth his hand. "My father," said he, "died on the field of honor on January 19th. On number 19 I play my last five-franc piece—and my honor."

The ball turns, and stops at number 15.

"All is at an end," exclaims William, and he leaves the room.

Two days afterward a newspaper, the *Penseiro di Nizza*, contained the following paragraph: "This morning, on the shore between Villefrauche and Monaco, some sailors picked up the corpse of a man about twenty six years of age. In his pocket a visiting card was found inscribed 'Captain William Burter, commander of the *Montretout*.' It is not known whether his death was the result of a crime or of suicide."—Harper's Bazar.

The Sex of the Locomotive.

"Why," asked the fat passenger, "does an engineer always call his engine 'she?"

There was a moment of embarrassing silence, when the man on the wood box said something about "her head-light," which was followed by a hollow groan all along the line.

"Because," ventured the tall, thin passenger, "the more you throttle her the faster she goes."

But this was barred out under the rules. The man with the sample case suggested "because she runs the mail," but every body said "ah, there!" so sarcastically that he apologized. The cross passenger said "because there was so much bustle and bang about her," and he was fined cigars for the crowd on the spot. The bashful passenger said maybe it was because she "pulled the smoker," and he was hissed off the stage.

And longer had they sung, but the woman who talks bass closed the lodge by croaking: "Because we couldn't get along without her."—Detroit Post.

A Queer Collection.

Of a queer collection of books on botany in Warsenstein, Germany, the London News says: "At first sight the volumes appear like rough blocks of wood, but on closer examination it is found that each is a complete history of the particular tree which it represents. At the back of the book the bark has been removed from a space large enough to admit the scientific and the common name of the tree as a title. One side is formed from the split wood of the tree, showing its grain and natural fracture; the other shows the wood when worked smooth and varnished. One end shows the grain as left by the saw, and the other the finely polished wood. On opening the book one finds the fruit, seeds, leaves and other products of the tree, the moss which usually grows upon its trunk, and the insects which feed upon the various parts of the tree. To all this is added a well-printed description of the habits, usual location and manner of growth of the tree."

The warmer weather often has a depressing and debilitating effect. Hood's Sarsaparilla overcomes all languor and lassitude.

BY THE FIRE.

She sat and mused by the driftwood fire,
As the leaping flames flashed higher and higher;
And the phantoms of youth, as fair and bright,
Grew for her gaze in the ruddy light;
The blossoms she gathered in life's young days,
Wreathed and waved in the flickering blaze;
And she laughed through a sunny mist of tears,
That rose at the dream of her April years;
And ever and aye the sudden rain
Plashed on the glittering window pane.

Sobered and saddened the pictures that showed
As the drift-wood logs to a red core glowed;
And the fancied figures of older time
Passed with the steadied step of their prime:
The daises and snowdrops bloomed and died,
Red roses and lilies stood side by side
While richer and fuller and deeper grew
The lines of the pictures August drew,
And ever and aye the falling rain
Streamed thick and fast on the window pane.

The driftwood died down into feathery ash,
Where faintly and fittully shone the flash;
Slowly and sadly her pulses beat,
And soft was the fall, as of vanishing feet;
And lush and green as from guarded grave,
She saw the grass of the valley wave,
And like echoes in ruins seemed to sigh,
The "wet west wind" that went wandering by;
And caught the sweep of the sullen rain,
And dashed it against the window-pane.

—*All the Year Round.*

AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

CARE OF YOUNG LAMBS.

A newly dropped lamb is insignificant, yet it has an ultimate value of several dollars. We have at times realized from ten dollars down to three dollars and a half per head for our crop of spring lambs, and these small sums may make up in the aggregate, a large amount. The lambs are therefore to be carefully nursed through their weak and helpless stage, and then fed judiciously but liberally. Over-feeding is the great danger. A small quantity of warm, fresh cow's milk, given to a weak lamb three times a day through a nursing bottle, will help it wonderfully. When the lambs are three or four weeks old, an ounce daily for each lamb, of a mixture of corn and rye ground together finely, will be serviceable. It is, however, better to feed half a pint of it daily to each ewe, which will help the lamb more than if it were given to it.

THE GRAPE MILDEW.

The proprietor of a vineyard in the wine-making district of Medoc, having been annoyed by the pilfering of his grapes, syringed them with a mixture, which would make those who ate the stolen fruit very sick. The vines thus treated were quite free from disease, and he employed the mixture on a large scale to destroy mildew with most satisfactory results. The preparation consists of from thirty to fifty pounds each of lime and sulphate of copper (blue stone or blue vitriol), mixed in a cask with one hundred gallons of water. The liquid is sprinkled upon the vines by means of a brush, the operator walking backwards. Those who wish to experiment with this next season, should apply it on the very first appearance of mildew upon the varieties most susceptible to its attacks. In our climate, the use of flowers of sulphur is effective, but it is difficult to find a laborer who will apply it properly, and if one would protect his vines, he must do it himself.

"BOHEMIAN OATS."

Farmers in several parts of the country inquire as to the so-called "Bohemian Oats," and about the "Co," engaged in selling them. The old "Skinless" oat, was some years ago sold under the name of "Bohemian," and we are informed that the grain now sold is similar. The Skinless oat is a very old variety, that is valued in Europe, but has not met with marked success in this country. The present interest in these Bohemian oats, is not so much in their intrinsic value as a farm crop, as in the manner in which they are sold. The agents who go about the country selling these oats at ten dollars a bushel, induce farmers to purchase by a promise to sell for them, from their (the farmer's) crop, twice as many bushels as they purchased, at the same price—ten dollars. The farmer is induced to buy ten bushels of the oats for one hundred dollars, by the hope of selling twenty bushels for two hundred dollars, and he thinks that this is guaranteed to him by a "bond," given him by the seller. This bond in spite of its abundance of green and red inks, its very broad seal (intended to look like gold, but is only Dutch metal), and the bold signature of a secretary, this "bond," so-called, has no more binding effect than a mere memorandum.

CHECK REINS,

Check reins, as a general rule, are of little use on the road, except in the case of inveterate stumblers. These it is necessary to sometimes check up high, so as to make them lift their feet, and besides, if they do trip, the check rein punishes them severely. Stumbling is chiefly due to bad shoeing, hence this use of the check, saviors of needless cruelty. If a horse shows a tendency to stumble, pull off his shoes and drive him barefoot, being careful not to break his hoofs. He will soon get over the tendency in all probability. When the feet wear, if they do, so as to necessitate shoeing, if it is summer weather put on toe clips only, and renew them often. The check rein is used to make a naturally down-headed horse carry his head high, or as high as his mate, and it is often made an instrument of wanton torture, by unfeeling grooms and drivers. The real use of the check is to prevent a horse getting his head to the ground when standing. It is of no use at all, except as above explained, when travelling. Every horse works better without one whatever work he does.

ORCHARD WORK FOR MARCH.

March, is of all months, the most difficult one for which to assign any special work. It stands in the calendar as the first month of spring, but in the Northern States, it is most frequently the last month of winter. It is the latest time to which those who propose to plant fruit trees or small fruits, can safely delay ordering them. If in doubt as to what varieties to to plant, consult an experienced fruit-grower in the neighborhood. A family orchard and fruit garden, should include varieties to cover the whole season. For an orchard near a market town, a good share of early apples will pay well. The injuries to young trees by girdling by rabbits and mice, are numerous. If any of the inner bark is left on the wound, apply a thick plaster of cow-dung and loam, bound on with bagging or other coarse cloth, to keep the parts moist until they can heal. If completely girdled, then grafts must be inserted to bridge over the injury. When trees are received from the nursery unpack them and heel them in at once, but do not plant until the soil is well prepared. It is a mistake to graft old trees too early. Wait until the buds of the tree begin to swell.—American Agriculturist for March.

The Best Books.

Sir John Lubbock, the renowned physicist, gave before the workingmen's college of London lately the following list of 100 of the best books to be read:

Non-Christian Moralists.—Marcus Aurelius, Meditations; Confucius, Analects; Aristotle, Ethics; Mohammed, Koran.

Theology and Devotion.—Apostolic Fathers, Wake's Collections; St. Augustine, Confessions; Thomas a Kempis, Imitation; Pascal, Thoughts; Spinoza, Tractatus–Theologico–Politicus; Butler, Analogy; Jeremy Taylor, Holy Living and Holy Dying; Keble, Christian Year; Bunyan, Pilgrim's Progress.

Classics.—Aristotle, Politics; Plato, Phædo and Republic; Æsop, Fables; Demosthenes, De Corona; Lucretius, Plutarch, Horace, Cicero—De Officiis, De Amicitia and De Senectute.

Epic Poetry.—Homer, Iliad, and Odyssey; Hesiod, Virgil; Niebelungen Lied, Malery's Morte D' Arthur.

Eastern Poetry.—Mahabharata and Ramayana (epitomized by Talboys Wheeler); Firdausi, Shahnameh (translated by Atkinson); She-King (Chinese Odes).

Greek Dramatists.—Æschylus, Prometheus, the House of Atreus, Trilogy or Persæe; Sophocles, Œdipus Trilogy; Euripides, Medea; Aristophanes, The Knights.

History.—Herodotus, Xenophon, Anabasis; Thucydides, Tacitus, Germania; Gibbon, Decline and Fall; Voltaire, Charles XII. or Louis XIV.; Hume, England; Grote, Greece.

Philosophy.—Bacon, Novum Organum; Mill, Logic and Political Economy; Darwin, Origin of Species; Smith, Wealth of Nations; Berkeley, Human Knowledge; Descartes, Discours, Sur la Methode; Locke, Conduct of the Understanding; Lewes, History of Philosophy.

Travels —Cook, Voyages; Darwin, Naturalist on the Beagle.

Poetry and General Literature.—Shakespeare, Milton, Dante, Spenser, Scott, Wordsworth, Pope, Southey, Longfellow; Goldsmith, Vicar of Wakefield: Swift, Gulliver's Travels; Defoe, Robinson Crusoe; The Arabian Nights; Boswell, Johnson; Burke, Select Works. Essayists.—Addison, Hume, Montaigne, Macaulay, Emerson, Moliere, Sheridan; Carlyle, Past and Present and French Revolution; Goethe, Faust and Wilhelm Meister; Marivaux, La Vie de Marianne.

Modern Fiction.—Selections from Dickens, Thackeray; George Eliot, Kingsley, Scott, Bulwer Lytton.

SAVED HIS LIFE—Mr. D. I. Wilcoxson, of Horse Cave, Ky., says he was, for many years, badly afflicted with Phthisic, also Diabetes; the pains were almost unendurable and would sometimes almost throw him into convulsions. He tried Electric Bitters and got relief from first bottle and after taking six bottles, was entirely cured and had gained in flesh eighteen pounds. Says he postively believes he would have died, had it not been for the relief afforded by Electric Bitters. Sold at fiftv cents a bottle by Dr. J. Gibson Carroll.

As a Tonic and Nervine Dr. Henley's Celery, Beef and Iron has no superior.

UNDER THE STAIRS.

BY FLORENCE S. BROWN.

Though I never said a word,
Dear papa
Soon the story will have heard,
Ha! ha! ha!
Jack continues still to laugh,
Tortues me with constant chaff—
Pity he don't telegraph
To mamma.

In a nook beneath the stair,
At the ball,
Thinking no one else was there.
In the hall,
We were sitting Thursday night,
For a moment's brief respite,
In the dim deceptive light—
That was all.

Then about me close he drew—
It was cold.
My embroidered shawl of blue;
Was it bold?
And that horrid Kitty Snow,
Green with envy, as I know,
Watching, with an ancient beau,
Went and told!

Oh, she thought it such a shame,
Proper miss!
How indeed was I too blame,
Just for this?
Growing, for a wonder, brave,
Something more he dared to crave:
Mind, I do not say I gave
Him a kiss!

A Wonderful M[illegible]

A Kentuckia[n] [illegible]house
Field by name, [illegible]
faculty, this one se[emed] [illegible]
tire possession of [illegible]
other thoughts from [illegible]
early infancy he was [illegible]
as other children, bu[t] [illegible]
youth he developed a [illegible] precocity, or rather a supernatural endowment for mathematics, even then solving difficult problems with apparent ease and with but little study. This became a mania with him, and grew as he grew, to the exclusion of other branches of thought, until finally, without knowing a single figure or letter of the alphabet, he became the perfect master of the science of mathematics. He has been tested by the most scientific men of this profession, and the answers to the most difficult problems that they have been able to propound are at his finger's ends, the invariably correct solution being given in an instant, quicker than thought. As an instance of his remarkable powers he has been known to keep more than a dozen of clerks busy in taking invoice of a stock of goods. Indeed. his knowledge and application of the science of mathematics far exceed anything that the most scientific men are able to comprehend. Another phenominal charecteristic of this man is that he can tell you, without hesitation, precisely what time it is, to a second, either day or night. Awakened from the soundest sleep, he can tell you precisely what time it is. What Blind Tom is to music Reuben Field is to mathematics, and, like that illustrious idiot, this one branch absorbs his entire mental capacity.

How to get Rich and Stay So.

Don't speculate in mines.
Don't speculate in anything whatsoever that you are not conversant with.
Don't go on any man's bond,
Don't drink when asked to.
Don't drink when not asked.
Don't buy anything you don't need.
Don't waste your time.
Don't marry an extravagant woman.
Don't marry an extravagant man.
Don't marry a penurious man.
Don't marry a penurious woman.
Don't get amusement crazy.
Don't get crazy at all.
Don't buy wheat and sell at a loss.
Don't buy wheat at all.
Don't lend money.
Don't spend money.
Don't dabble in stocks.
Don't stay out late at night.
Don't have anything to do with politics.

How the Doctor Bluffed the Widow.

A bachelor physician, of Cincinnati, was once called to see a young widow. "You are lonesome," said the doctor. "Your husband has been dead three years. I'd advise you to marry again."

"Oh, doctor, I'll marry you tomorrow, if you will have me."

"Ah! ah! Well!" muttered the doctor, stepping back and blushing, "you know, madam, that physicians never take their own prescriptions."—Cincinnati Sam.

In some instances jealousy is a sign of love, but it is more frequently proof of overwhelming egotism. In some cases jealousy is proof of no love of any kind, but is merely indicative of a bad disposition.

In diving to the bottom of pleasures, we bring up more gravel than pearls.

Never Open Your Mouth

except to put something to eat into it, is an excellent motto for the gossip and the sufferer from catarrh. But while the gossip is practically incurable, there is no excuse for anyone's suffering longer from catarrh. Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy is an unfailing cure for that offensive disease, It heals the diseased membrane, and removes the dull and depressed sensations which always attend catarrh. A short trial of this valuable preparation will make the sufferer feel like a new being.

The Transcript

[illegible] Proprietors.

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IN ADVANCE.

[illegible]ers.—Communications on [illegible]terest are always welcome. [illegible]nsertion they must be brief and [illegible]. We do not hold ourselves re[illegible]or the views of correspondents. [illegible]s articles will receive no attention. Address all communications to the proprietor.

Friday Afternoon, March 5, 1886.

OUR grand business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.—Carlyle.

IN POLITICS, as in everything else, the liar in the long run does more harm than good and gets nothing for himself but the deserved contempt of honest men.

THE Senate has confirmed the appointment of Ex-Senator Groome to be Collector of Customs at the port of Baltimore and it is said there will be no trouble about the confirmation of Mr. Rasin as Naval Officer.

THE *Peninsula Farmer* for February advises New Castle county farmers to go into the poultry business, arguing that our nearness to city markets and the natural features of the country make the suggestion an eminently practical one.

MR. FOLGER MCKINSEY, for some months past associate editor of the [illegible]ged the place to accept [illegible] *Daily News* of Fred[illegible]cKinsey has made [illegible]his return to this, [illegible] by his genial and [illegible].—News.

[illegible]te adjustment of the [illegible]late Francis A. Drexel, of [illegible] has just been finished. It shows that the banker left a fortune of $15,000,000 —$5,000,000 more than was commonly supposed. Catholic charities, under the testator's will receive a million and a half of dollars.

THE Philadelphia *Press* has an article in which "The apparation of William Walter Phelps astride the White Horse Victory," gallops around promiscuously as the successful republican candidate for governor of New Jersey. We venture the prediction that William Walter will not get there.

ABOUT the only thing left for the New Jersey Supreme Court to do is to declare itself unconstitutional. The poor Jersey law makers work a whole session to get a law into shape and the court upsets it in fifteen minutes. The court might remedy the matter in a measure, however, by making the laws themselves and then they would be right, to their notion, at least.

M. G. LOFLAND, of the firm of Lofland & Davis, Milford, in a letter to the Wilmington *News* denies the allegations of the Smyrna *Record* concerning the postmaster at Milford, so far as his firm is concerned in the charges. If the editor brings forward much more such "proof" people will begin to have serious doubts about his veracity. His reputation is in the balance, he should be very careful.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The business failures occurring throughout the country during the past seven days, as reported to R. G. Dun & Co. number for the United States 215 and for Canada 34, or a total of 248 failures, as compared with a total of 286 last week and 275 the week previous to the last. The south and west still continue to furnish more than one-half of the weekly business casualities of the country.

AFTER all this twaddle about the "spoils system" and "civil service reform" we see the dignified Republican Senate engaged in a disgraceful squabble over a few offices. It is an awful thing for a Democrat to want an office, and a worse thing for him to get one, but it is the height of propriety for a Republican to hold on like grim death to the office he already has and the fruits of which he has enjoyed for years.

BEECHER'S theology last Sunday —"An opportunity in the next world for rectification, or annihilation." You have life and death before you—two choices. The recovery of those that die in their sins is not going to be an easy thing, even if they do recover; and if they do not they are no longer known. They rise to shame and everlasting contempt, and fall forever into the blackness and darkness of eternal death.

OUR exports of breadstuffs for January amounted to but $9,407,315, compared with $17,872,413 a year ago, and for seven months past they aggregated $62,406,047, a loss of $35,166,873 from the year before. The heaviest losses are in wheat, which for the seven months fell off from 62,000,000 to 24,000,000 bushels, while the export of flour, compared with last year, was thirty per cent less. Exports of Indian corn increased, but not enough to offset the losses in wheat.

AN ILLUSTRATION of how costly it is to tamper with the law is thus furnished by the *Journal* of Boston: Edwin H. Arnold, of West Hartford, Conn., raised his mill dam the other day, and in consequence overflowed some of his neighbors' land. For this he agreed to pay $150. Then he petitioned to have the damages assessed by the Commissioners of the Superior Court. They found damages of $950; but the law provided that the Court, if it accepts the Commissioner's report must add 50 per cent. to their findings, and accordingly, Mr. Arnold found his $150 increased to $1425. Then he appealed to a Sheriff's Court, whose decision, under the flowage act, is final. They found the damage to be $1582. After paying his lawyers and Court fees, Mr. Arnold's $150 will have grown to over $2000.

STRENGTHEN HIS HANDS.

Aside from whatever dissatisfaction the President's course may have caused in his party, dissatisfied party friends and bitter political enemies unite in saying that he is actuated by none but the purest motives in the policy which he has pursued from the beginning. He is simple and straightforward in his deliverances and makes no public utterance with an uncertain sound or an ambiguous meaning. He practices none of the arts of the professional politician, and we have thus far failed to see any evidence of a desire for another term which he would seek to gain in any other way than by a firm and undeviating adherence to the pledges which he made when he took up the seals of office. No matter what the dissatisfaction among office seekers, and even in view of possible damage to the party, no man can help but admire such a character, which is alike proof against the threats of enemies and the blandishments of friends, and will not turn to the right or left from the path which he thinks the proper one. Call it what you will—obstinancy if you like—he has exercised even that quality only in the line of better and purer government which he pledged himself to give the people. It is a good policy to strengthen the the hands of such a man, whose equal in these qualities has not been in the presidential chair for many a long day.

"BACKBONE."

It was urged against President Cleveland during the campaign that he had an abnormally large neck, and its dimensions were thoroughly discussed by those in opposition to him. But his recent tilt with the Republican Senate and the message he has given them to digest develops the fact that he is also largely endowed with that very essential quality in a public man —"backbone." He reads the Senators a lecture and sets forth at length his ideas as to the President's power and prerogatives and closes the document, which all critics agree in considering a remarkable one, with these words in which are set forth in the plainest way his conception of what the duties of his position are and to whom he is responsible:

ONLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE.

Every pledge which I have made by which I have placed a limitation upon my exercise of executive power has been faithfully redeemed. Of course, the pretense is not put forth that no mistakes have been committed; but not a suspension has been made except it appeared to my satisfaction that the public welfare would be improved thereby. Many applications for suspensions have been denied and the adherence to the rule laid down to govern my action as to such suspensions has caused much irritation and impatience on the part of those who have insisted upon more changes in the offices.

The pledges I have made were made to the people, and to them I am responsible for the manner in which they have been redeemed. I am not responsible to the Senate, and I am unwilling to submit my actions and official conduct to them for judgment.

There are no grounds for an allegation that the fear of being found false to my professions influences me in declining to submit to the demands of the Senate. I have not constantly refused to suspend officials and thus incurred the displeasure of political friends and yet wilfully broken faith with the people for the sake of being false to them.

Neither the discontent of party friends nor the allurements constantly offered of confirmations of appointees conditioned upon the avowal that suspensions have been made on party grounds alone, nor the threat proposed in the resolutions now before the Senate that no confirmations will be made unless the demands of that body be complied with, are sufficient to discourage or deter me from following in the way which I am convinced leads to better government for the people.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

THE National Editorial Association, in session at Cincinnati, adjourned on last Thursday night with a banquet; W. Scott Roberts of Centreville, responded for Delaware and Maryland; the association will meet in Dover in June, 1887. On Monday afternoon Brother Roberts entertained us with glowing accounts of the reception accorded the Association at Cincinnati, and of the hospitality of the people which he said could be exceeded by that of the people of old Maryland. He had a number of good stories to tell of the doings and sayings of the Association, and seemed thoroughly convinced that it was a grand institution.

We clip the following from this week's *Centreville Record:*

"The International Association was organized at New Orleans, in February of last year, one of the objects being to bring together, for the discussion of subjects pertaining to the profession, editors from all sections of this Republic. This end was accomplished at Cincinnati at the meeting last month, nearly every State in the Union, and some of the Territories, being represented. It was an able body of representative men, assembled for the purpose of advancing the interests of the whole people. Partisan, sectional or selfish ends were one of the absent features of the convention. The old Bay State—Massachusetts—and Texas, and Louisiana, and Rhode Island, and Florida, and Alabama, and Pennsylvania, and the Great West and Northwest had but one comon interest, and that was to advance and harmonize the interests of the entire country. The closing lines of a poem read by W. E. Paber, of Denver, Colorado, entitled "Coral Workers," expresses the universal sentiment:

"Oh! my brothers! in our field,
Pen and pencil wisely yield,
Write, but in defense of laws;
Write, but in some holy cause;
Trace no words you do not mean,
To the side of mercy lean;
Give such comfort as you can
In the race of man with man,
Save the roses spoil the weeds,
Scatter only fruitful seeds,
And our works, like Pharo's lights,
Will illume the darkest nights."

THE rubber bag connected with his costume collapsed the other night while an actor was playing the part of Falstaff in Chicago, and he dwindled in size alarmingly before the eyes of the assembled spectators. As no bellows could be found, all hands had to help blow him up again.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1, 1886.—Congress is devoting itself to politics now iustead of business. The discussion between the Senate and the Administration, forced by the Republican caucus resolutions on official papers, begins to-day. An exciting debate is expected, and the Senate galleries will be crowded so long as the fight lasts.

When the discussion is fairly under way Senator Morgan will complicate matters by calling up his own independent resolutions to the effect that the whole proceeding is out of order. The Edmunds' resolutions should not have been received. The only legal procedure for the Judiciary Committe was to have summoned Attorney General Garland before the bar of the Senate, and to have impeached this alleged violater of law, who refused to give up his private papers.

A number of Republican Senators do not follow Mr. Edmunds lead in this matter with much zeal. It is pretty well understood that the Vermont statesman made this "much ado about nothing" because there was not much to do about anything and he was under the necessity of impressing the Vermont Republicans with his greatness and indispensability. The Vermont legislature, which elects a U. S. Senator to fill the seat now occupied by this would be chieftain, is to be chosen next fall. Until then Mr. Edmunds may be expected to be as offensively prominent in the Senate as possible. He wants to stay in Washington, where he has just built a superb residence, and he has reason to fear the Green Mountain boys are arranging his retirement to private life when his present term expires.

The House of Representatives, this week, does not offer such attractions to visitors as the Senate. Nothing but Silver may be heard from it for some time. The financial debate begins there regularly to-morrow. Ten days have been set apart for the subject and sixty Members have prepared speeches on it. At the close of this discussion the House will refuse to suspend the silver coinage by an overwhelming vote, and that is all that this forthcoming eloquence will accomplish. If all this time and talk could be given to an issue that promised results it would be well enough, but it is agreed all around that this debate will lead to nothing in the way of legislation and that not a single vote will be changod by the talk.

The telephone affair has taken a party turn in the House. The Hanback and Pulitzer resolutions of inquiry into the Pan-Electric has been met by another set of resolutions under Democratic management asking for a broader and more thorough investigation, an investigation of newspapers as well as officials.

Congressman Gibson, of West Virginia, opposed the investigation on the ground that there was nothing to investigate inasmuch as no charge had been made against Attorney General Garland or other officials who are alleged to be implicated. "Why," said he, "what will the committee report? will they report that the gentlemen got stock without paying for it? Who will say that was wrong? I see men all around me who hold railroad stock and national bank stock voting with the stock in their pockets, and no outcry is made against it."

Mr. Gibson also attacked Representative Pulitzer, of the N. Y. *World*, who, he said, instead of making complaint against the Attorney General in an open, manly way like a Representative should have done, had retreated behind the irresponsible columns of his newspaper to create a scandal. Mr. Gibson conceded that the idea was to turn the rascals out but said his especial desire then was to stop the rascals from talking.

Mr. Reed, of Maine, who tries to be witty every day, said something about appreciating the solemnity that had recently fallen on the Democratic party, and gave it assurances of his respectful consideration in its present situation. The Democrats laughed at this as well as the Republicans, and Mr. Morrison replied that the gentleman was mistaken in supposing that the Democratic party was in any trouble. "We propose to investigate charges against our own people," said Mr. Morrison, "as well as those against yours, and we trust, if we find them guilty, we will not be found, as the Republicans have been found attempting to shield them."

Miss Cleveland gave another large luncheon on Saturday afternoon to the wives of fifty Senators and Representatives. She has at last solved a problem which had been unsuccessfully dealt with by each Presidentisl family since the time of Andrew Johnson. That President accomplished the feat of inviting to dinner each Senator and each Representative and his wife at least once during the two years of each Congress. But since then Congress has grown to be a body of such formidable proportions in numbers that each President has fallen shorter and shorter of getting all around even in two seasons. Miss Cleveland began a series of lunch parties at which she hopes to entertain all the wives of Senators and Representatives, while the President will dine only their husbands.

SEVERAL noted savants in Vienna are now delving in a perfect mine of antiquarian wealth. The cable brings us news that autograph letters of Mohammed are the latest gems found among the Archduke Renier manuscripts. This wonderful collection of 30,000 fragments from the archives of El Fayoum, which for nine centuries lay buried under the sands of Egypt, is gradually disclosing its rich treasures of history and its priceless relics of the past. Prof. Karabacek and his assistants are still busily engaged in classifying the great mass of materials in their hands. They have divided the manuscripts into groups comprising eleven different languages, one of which is absolutely new to the best scholars, and the efforts to decipher it have thus far been fruitless. The documents are from 900 to 3,000 years old. The oldest known epistolary monument of Islam, dated eighteen years after the death of the Prophet, was found last year in this collection. If the cable report is true, it will now be antidated by the Mohammed autograph letters. The scholars who are bringing these historic fragments within reach of the modern world have hardly more than passed the threshold of their labors, but they have done enough to place the El Fayoum archives among the greatest of recent discoveries.—Sun.

REPORTS to *Bradstreets* from 277 towns in the cotton belt show that the stock of unsold cotton on hand at the time the reports were made, an average of ten days ago, aggregated 158,791 bales, as against 112,318 bales similarly stored at the same time last year. From these returns the estimate is made that the amount held upon plantations, taking the whole belt, will not exceed 8 per cent of the crop. The replies received as to the financial condition of the planters indicate that the series of short crops, followed by the present year of low prices, has left very little money in the south. The good grain crops generally made will, however, from all appearances, make the coming cotton crop the cheapest of any ever made in the south. The effect of the tendency to diversify crops, added to these causes will, from all appearances, decrease the total acreage of cotton planted this year.

ARE WE THEN, SO SOON FORGOTTEN?—The movement to establish a fund for the widow of General Hancock should not have required such a stimulus as was furnished in the Surrogate's Court, to the effect that the effect that the illustrious dead soldier left less than a thousand dollars in personal estate and a small property in Missouri. When the proposition was first made from this city it was made upon knowledge of the fact that General Hancock had kept himself poor by his continued benefactions—especially in behalf of unfortunate military comrades and destitute soldiers who had been under his command. It was made upon knowledge also that the money he spent upon himself and for his family hardly amounted to more than the salary of one of his clerks—all the rest of his pay going out in bounty and charity. Responses to the appeal have been tardy, too tardy by far considering the inestimable value of the services of General Hancock, and the high estimation in which he had been held by his fellow countrymen. The responses have been especially backward in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, to whom he and his great fame were very near. This ought not to be. How different is this Philadelphia manifestation from that which, in a few weeks, and almost unknown to the general public, raised more than a hundred thousand dollars as endowment for the widow of General Meade! Are most of that race of Philadelphians dead?

Four-fifths, perhaps more, of the Hancock fund, as it halts now at but little over thirty thousand dollars, have been raised in New York. Philadelphia alone should contribute more than that. Popular contributions in any amount may be sent to Drexel & Co.—Phil'a. Ledger.

A Journalist's Guide.

PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS OF VARIOUS EXPERTS.

In editing a newspaper a pen is a necessary article; so is a pencil, inasmuch as it may at times be more convenient than a pen to write with. A pair of scissors is also necessary. But what is most necessary is brains. Next to brains in value I estimate what we call the newspaper instinct, the sense of what news the public require and what discussion will be most effective. Next after this come special talents and general knowledge; and the more knowledge, general and special, a newspaper man has, the more useful he will be.

But with all these gifts and graces he won't accomplish much unless he also possesses a sense of humor and an uncompromising love of truth and of the United States Constitution.

A pair of scissors, however, is not as good as a pair of moderate-sized shears and neither the scissors nor shears can make a journalist.

C. A. DANA.

I have the most exalted respect for the editorial shears. There is no department of a newspaper so interesting to me as the selected miscellany—provided the scissors work has been done by a man of genius. It is not difficult to fine men who can write, but men who can handle scissors with judgement and taste are scarce. I have worked in every department of journalism, from type setting to defending libel suits, and I never feel that I am in such a fair way to confer a favor on the human family as when I am sitting in front of a big pile of exchanges with a pair of sharp scissors in my hand and a paste cup at my elbow. Very truly yours,

JOHN A. COCKERILL.
Editor *New York World.*

In the hands of an editor "entirely great," the scissors are as mighty as the pen. Good "exchange readers" are scarcer than good writers, and, although they come high, we must have them in every well-regulated newspaper office. The most successful journals of the day in this country are those which make the best use of the scissors, giving due credit for borrowed matter, whether copied bodily or adapted and however classified. Browsing on the exchanges is a wholesome pastime and a nourishing and a stimulating practice for any man in the editorial rooms, from editor-in-chief to office boy. Very truly yours,

M. P. HANDY.
Editor *Daily News*, Philadelphia.

Let me wield the scissors of a newspaper and I care not who writes its leaders.

J. B. MCCULLAGH.
Editor *Globe-Democrat*, St. Louis.

—Texas Siftings.

Levy Court.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

In the Levy Court Monday application was received from R. J. Dobbins of Philadelphia, through an agent for reduction in the assessment of houses in Dobbinsville, near New Castle. It was referred to a committee, composed of Messrs. Morrison, Haman Shallcross, Cheairs and Rothwell. A motion by Mr. McCracken that certain records be rebound was referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery. Friday, March 26, was designated to hear and settle matters pertaining to roads and schools. Notice was given that the reports of Sunday schools that desire part of the annual appropriation must be presented by Monday March, 15. The following committees were appointed.

On error lists of collectors and to take bonds of collectors and constables —Brandywine Hundred, Grubb and Toy; Wilmington, Hickman and Toy; Christiana, Toy and Grubb: Mill Creek Haman and Mackey; White Clay Creek, Mackey and Hickman; Pencader, McCracken and Haman: New Castle, Morrison and Cheairs; Red Lion, Cheairs and Shallcross; St. Georges, Shallcross and McCracken; Appoquinimink, Taylor and Rothwell; Blackbird, Rothwell and Taylor.

Auditing accounts of sheriff, clerk and attorneys, etc.—Toy, Cheairs and McCracken. Jail Commissioners—Mackey Morrison and Rothwell. Magistrates and Constables—Cheairs, Haman and Grubb. Members' Expenditures—Rothwell, Toy and Haman. Allowance to Members—Shallcross, Morrison and Taylor. Inspectors and Assessors—Morrison, Shallcross and Toy. Coroners, Physicians and Undertaker—Mackey, McCracken and Chears. Overpaid Tax—Grubb, Morrison and Hickman. Printing and Stationery—Haman, Rothwell and Mackey. Miscellaneous—McCracken, Hickman and Grubb. Sunday schools —Hickman, Shallcross and McCracken. To approve bonds of collectors and constables and to take county treasurer's bond—Grubb, Shallcross and Morrison.

Widow Grimes Set Right.

"We feel," says an Illinois exchange, "that an apology is due to Widow Grimes. In our issue of last week we stated that she had eloped with an eighteen-year-old man. The truth is that she was thrown from an eight-year-old mare which she was riding in a lope and which slipped and fell. Mistakes will happen in the best regulated newspaper offices, and we are confident that when we state that the item was sent over a telephone wire no other apology will be needed."—Chicago Tribune.

SCOTT'S EMULSION OF PURE Cod Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites. *In Scrofulous and Consumptive Cases.*

Dr. C. C. Lockwood, New York says: "I have frequently prescribed Scott's Emulsion and regard it as a valuable preparation in scrofulous and consumptive cases, palatable and efficacious.

Care for the Children

Children feel the debility of the changing seasons, even more than adults, and they become cross, peevish, and uncontrollable. The blood should be cleansed and the system invigorated by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"Last Spring my two children were vaccinated. Soon after, they broke all out with running sores, so dreadful I thought I should lose them. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured them completely; and they have been healthy ever since. I do feel that Hood's Sarsaparilla saved my children to me." MRS. C. L. THOMPSON, West Warren, Mass.

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"Hood's Sarsaparilla beats all others, and is worth its weight in gold." I. BARRINGTON, 130 Bank Street, New York City.

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Arabian Mocha, Old Gov. Java,
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Fair Maricaibo, Choice Laguyra,
Prime Laguyra, Golden Rio,
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You Can Save By It.

The last month of the winter is likely to show the clothing so far worn that it will hardly carry you along till spring comes.

It finds us with great quantities of winter clothing we'd rather sell than carry. To do that, we lower prices on many goods. Our urgency is your opportunity. Now is the time to buy

Winter Clothing at Lowest Prices.

It will pay to buy middle-weight clothing for present service, and then put by till next fall. A little money will

Go a Long Ways at Oak Hall.

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The undersigned announces himself a Candidate for the Nomination of

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL.
nov 24-tf

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

On the label of each paper will be found the date of expiration of the subscription. If this date is wrong please notify us at once. If you are in arrears please remit at once.

New Advertisements.

The following new advertisements appear in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT:

— Wanted.
— Terrapin Supper.
— G. W. Stevens—Groceries.
— Public Sale—Hannah Staats.
— Citizens' National Bank Statement.
— People's National Bank Statement.
— L. P. McDowell & Son—Mules and Horses.
— Public Sale of Household Goods—J. F. Eliason.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Town Notes.

— Morality should be the polar star of science.

— Three things to fight for: Honor, country and home.

— Three things to think about: Life, death and eternity.

— Three things to govern: Temper, tongue and conduct.

— Not "gentle spring," but "Diptherial Spring."

— The sun rises to-morrow (Saturday) at 6.27 and sets at 5.57.

— The Steamer Clio will probably resume her trips about the last of this month.

— Mr. George F. Wilson, of near Middletown, was relieved of his stock of smoked meat one night recently.

— The Rev. W. C. Alexander will preach at Armstrong Chapel next Sunday afternoon at half past two o'clock.

— The craft that can weather these March gales without injury to some point of their good health is well built indeed.

— Hopkins, the baker is an artist in his calling as is shown by the beautiful effects in pastry made by him for a recent wedding in town.

— Rev. J. M. Lindale of the Wilmington Conference, will occupy the pulpit of St. Pauls, M. E. Church, Odessa, Del, on Sunday (7th) preaching at 10.30 A. M. and 7, P. M.

— "Truth is stranger than fiction," therefore, the more fictitious a statement appears the greater the presumption of its truth. If this is not logic, where are we to look for it?

— Messrs. L. P. McDowell & Son have just received a carload of Western mules and horses. The lot is a very fine one and we advise all those who wish to invest in such stock to give them a call.

— The sermon next Sunday morning in St. Anne's Church by the Rev. J. Beers will be on "Lent, its shams and its reality," and in the evening on Christ's prediction of what was to occur at Jerusalem.

— There are, too many night prowlers around Middletown, and there is trouble ahead for somebody if they do not take themselves off. Hardly a day passes but that we hear of some petty thieft or attempt at thievery.

— Town election is over and the country is safe for another year. The new board has already drawn its coat and entered upon the discharge of its duties. The new members have had plenty of advice already. We forbear any further comment.

— List of unclaimed letters in the post-office at Middletown, Del., for the week ending Feb. 27:—Wm. Brown, Miss KateBramble, Jno. T. S. Evans, Wm. R. Fleming, Mathew Jones, Miss Louie Ryan, Frederick W. Smith, Mrs. Emma Turner, Mrs. Ruth E. E. White.

— About thirty young people enjoyed a masquerade party at the house of Mr. C. F. Griffinburg in Odessa, Wednesday evening. The hours were spent pleasantly with games, etc., and refreshments in the shape of ice cream and cake were disposed of. The party dispersed about two o'clock.

— The Ladies of St. Anne's Church have been busy lately in furnishing and getting into order the front rooms of the rectory for the occupation of the Rector and his wife, and they are now comfortably settled in them. The remaining part of the Rectory is occupied by Mr. Isaac Davis and family.

— "Old Tax Payer" can have his communication whenever he calls for it. He is not much of a man to sneak behind an anonymous title and find fault with another who does his duty fairly well, at least, and earns every cent he gets any way. When will people learn to sign their name in writing to a newspaper?

— The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in Forest Presbyterian church next Sunday morning by the pastor Rev. W. C. Alexander. Preparatory lecture on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock when the Rev. William I. McEwan pastor-elect of the newly organized Presbyterian church in Wilmington will preach.

— A meeting of the new Board of Town Commissioners was held Tuesday evening. Dr. Parvis was elected President and T. H. Massey, was elected secretary.

— A clergyman who married four couples in one hour the other evening remarked to a friend that it was "pretty fast work." "Not very," responded his friend; "only four knots an hour."

— A warrantee deed is of no account against these March gales. About half of Cochran square is inside our office windows and two-thirds of South Broad street is deposited in Queen Anne's hollow. Some people may doubt this story, but if the wind blows as hard another week as it has this we feel quite sure that we will be called upon to record greater wonders than these in regard to the weather.

— The terrapin supper and art exhibition by the ladies of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, on Monday evening, March 8th, promises to be great in every particular. Imported statues, and pictures by the old masters are noted as among the intellectual treats, and the terrapin, and oysters, and chicken salad and other good things to eat need not be recommended as the knowledge of the excellent quality of these viands when prepared by the ladies of the Catholic Church is widespread.

— Prof. A. J. DeVoe, the Jersey meteorologist has a big storm down for the latter part of this week. He says: "March will enter remarkable warm and foggy, and remain so until the 3d. On that day a severe storm will form back of the Rocky Mountains, simultaneously with another one in the Gulf of Mexico. These two storms will concentrate their energies over the State of Virginia about the 5th, causing floods in the Southern States, heavy snows in Washington, and a very cold wave on the 6th, which will last several days."

— Under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church. Mrs. Julia Lore McGrew, late returned Missionary from India, will give an address in the M. E. Church on Wednesday evening, March 10th. Her subject will be the Medical work among the heathen women illustrated. She is a highly cultured lady, of pleasing address and doubtless will be very instructive and interesting. The public are cordially invited to be present. We ask for her a full house.

About People You Know.

— Mrs. R. T. Cochran, is not sick, but on the contrary is enjoying her usual good health.

St. Anne's Church.

Next Wednesday being Ash Wednesday, service will be held at 10.30 A. M. This day begins the Lenten season which coatinues until Easter day (April 25th). The Rector, Rev. J. Beers, announces the following subjects of discourse during Lent. Sunday morning, The Sayings of Christ on the Cross; Wednesday afternoon at 3.30, the Penitential Psalms; Friday evening at 7.30, Lectures on the Book of Common Prayer: 1, What the prayer book is and contains. 2, Whence did we get it? 3, Why do we use a prayer book? 4, The advantages of a prayer book. 5, How to use the book. The public are cordially invited to attend.

A Card.

MR. EDITOR.—Inas much as some one has seen fit to circulate a report to the effect that I had said that the meeting of certain citizens, held at the office of Geo. W. Ingram Esq. prior to the recent Town Election, for the purpose of nominating a ticket, was held by irresponsible and non-tax-paying citizens of the town, I take this means of stating to those gentlemen and the public, that I did not know till to-day that any such meeting had ever taken place, and that I never made any such statement nor any other statement derrogatory to those who held that or any other Town Meeting.

MARTIN B. BURRIS.

Middletown, March 4th, 1886.

Electric Light.

A meeting of the new Board was held last evening and all the members were in favor of electricity for lighting our streets in place of the present system. All the arguments are in favor of the new light and nothing can be brought in favor of the present arrangement, which is offensive to the nostrils and injurious to the eyes and a poor arrangement altogether when compared with the new system.

Representatives of the Electric Lighting Company will meet the Board at an early day, and there is little doubt but that arrangements will soon be consummated by which our town will be lighted by electricity.

Peaches.

In order to test the truth of the reports about the peaches being killed in this vicinity, Mr. A. Hushebeck, took a number of cuttings from the orchard of E. R. Cochran some ten days ago and put them in his propogating bed in the greenhouse, and to-day we were invited to inspect them.

The following is the result of the examination: On a cutting taken from a tree of Snocks one bud was dead out of eleven; Crawfords Late 20 buds out of 35; another variety of red pea ches showed two killed out of 18.

All these were taken from a three year-old orchard, not in any way sheltered, and we think it is a fair test of the true state of the condition the peaches are in to-day. If one half of the buds now living grow into fruit there will be more peaches than the trees can hold.

A Highwayman.

On Friday night about 7 o'clock Miss Sallie Turner of this place was knocked down and robbed on the corner of Cass and Main streets. She was carrying a bundle of goods and a satchel when a young man came up to her and laying hold of the satchel jerked it away from her and in the struggle she was thrown down. The man then secured the bundle also and made off up Cass street.

It was known that four strangers had sought shelter at the railroad station in the early evening and thither the lady went, in company with officer Craddock, and from the four singled one whom she positively identified as her assailant. A warrant was issued on Saturday morning and the officer arrested the young man and brought him before 'Squire Vasey. The prisoner gave his name as Michael McDonnell, of Wilmington, attempted to prove an alabi by station master Jones, and claimed to have been in the station from 6.30 to 8.30 on the evening in question. Mr. Jones did not agree with him and said he left at 7 o'clock and came back some time after. He was committed to New Castle jail to await the grand jury's action.

Good Books.

Mrs. Wm. Rogers, of Galena is in town for a stay of some weeks, and is engaged in soliciting orders for a number of good books. More especially does she dwell upon the merits of three, which upon careful examination seem well worthy the attention of all, and if their finances will permit, they should add them to their libraries. These three book are: "The Pictorial Bible Commentator," "The World's Wonders," and "The Ladies of the White House." The first presents the great truths of the word of God in a simple, pleasing, and instructive manner, by Engram Cobbin, V. D. M. It also contains descriptions of the manners and customs of the ancient Jews and people contemporary with them. The second presents a complete and succinct biography of all the ladies who have presided over social affairs at the White House since the foundation of our government. It is a new edition, brought down to the time of the present administration and contains fine portraits on steel and wood of all those who have during the long years of our existance as a nation acted as "First lady of the land." The third book is of much interest to lovers of travel and adventure, as it gives accounts of the strange manners and customs and the many wonderful things to be seen in foreign lands, in "The dark continent," the islands of the sea, and in "The land of the midnight sun." The subscription price is reasonable and the books well bound and printed. "Ladies of the White House" contains 768 pages; "World's Wonders," 768 pages; and the "Commentator," 1036 pages. All are profusely and finely illustrated.

THE NEW MIKADO.

A merchant alone in a desolate store
Sang "Willow, titwillow, titwillow!"
I said to him, "why are you pacing the floor,
Singing 'Willow, titwillow, titwillow?'"
"Alas!" he replied, as he smothered his cries
"I thought it was nonsense to advertise,
And now I've no custom at all but the flies,
Oh, willow, titwillow, titwillow!"

—Springfield Republican.

Missionary Anniversary at the Methodist Church.

The twenty-eighth anniversary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church was celebrated on Monday evening. A large audience was in attendance as the scholars filed in from the room below, and when the school was seated the church was well filled.

The programme was divided into five parts, and these parts were preceded by an opening chorus, a prayer by the pastor, and a sweet chorus by the little ones of the primary class. Following these introductory exercises came the five parts above mentioned with titles as follows: "Sad Tidings—The Fall of Man;" "Glad Tidings—A Saviour Born;" "Redemptive Tidings—Man's Redemption;" "Sending the Tidings—The Great Commission;" and "Tidings from the World—Bringing in the Sheaves. This part of the programme consisted of singing and responsive readings.

At the close of part IV the "Messages from the Classes" were given showing how much money each class had contributed to the causes of home and foreign missions during the year. The total for home missions, $102.01; the total for foreign missions, $258.04; making a total for both causes contributed by the school of $360.05. [The school and church combined this year give $400 to foreign missions.]

The singing was good throughout and the instrumental music was also excellent; and the responsive readings clear and distinct. But the most interesting and pretty part of the programme was in part V "Bringing in the Sheaves." Thirteen little girls appropriately dressed and wearing blue sashes upon which were placed in gilt letters the names of the several mission fields of the church, and each little girl bearing a sheaf of wheat were ranged upon the platform in the front of which was erected an arch and a cross. As her turn came each one stepped to the front of the platform and recited a short paragraph in which was given the results of the work in the field she represented during the year. This done, she placed her sheaf at the foot of the cross and returned to her place in the line; and so on until all the thirteen sheaves had been placed at the foot of the cross. Then another little girl stepped forth and reciting appropriate words bound the whole about with a broad blue ribbon upon which was printed the word "Faith." It was indeed an instructive and beautiful picture when complete.

After more singing and a collection, Rev. J. Beers, of the Episcopal church gave a short characteristic talk, in which he expressed surprise and gratification at the large contribution of the school for missions, and after some other pleasant things, wished Rev. Mr. Stengle, the retiring preacher from the charge, Godspeed on his new mission and much reward for his labors in his new field. This, with singing and the benediction, closed the exercises of the evening.

There was one other speech, not down on the programme and consequently nearly overlooked in this account of the doings. This we would not have happen for anything. Master John Carroll, in a few well chosen words and with much ease of manner presented Mrs. Stengle with a copy of "Household Encyclopedia of Poetry" as a mark of esteem on the part of the little ones of the school and as a souvenir of her work here and the high regard her little scholars have for her.

While the officers of the school say there was no attempt on their part at an elaborate entertainment, they nevertheless succeeded most admirably in pleasing every one present. If expressions of delight and satisfaction go for anything at all, we do not think the exercises could have been very much inproved upon had they made the attempt.

The Other Conferences.

The Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church will commence its 102d session Thursday morning, March 4th, in the Metropolitan Church, Washington city, D. C. Bishop W. X. Ninde will preside. Two other bishops will be present during the session—Bishop Thos. Bowman, whose Episcopal residence is in St. Louis, Mo., and Bishop E. G. Andrews, whose home is in Washington.

The Baltimore Conference embraces the District of Columbia, nearly all the Western Shore of Maryland, a few counties in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and the county of Frederick, in the State of Virginia. There are 194 preachers on the roll.

Dr. Felton will leave Mt. Vernon Church, Baltimore, and go to St. Louis, and Rev. Andrew Longacre, of Philadelphia, will come to Mt. Vernon. Dr. Huntley, of Metropolitan, Washington, is expected to come to Madison Avenue, Baltimore. Rev. J. B. VanMeter, of Wesley Chapel, has received a call to a church in New Jersey. An important question will come before this conference is the assessment upon salaries of preachers who get the best pay to aid in paying the salaries of the peachers on poor circuits and at stations where the salary is small.

M. P. CHURCH.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church meets April 7 in Broadway M. P. Church, Baltimore. This conference embraces all of the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, a part of Delaware, and a few circuits in Virginia along the northern borders of the Potomac. There are 115 names of ministers on the roll, and the conference has a corresponding number of lay delegates. Two preachers died during the past year—Rev. Alfred Baker, of Frederick county, and Rev. C. D. Middleton, of Alexandria, Va. Rev. J. T. Murray is president of the conference. A president is elected every year. This is the third year of Mr. Murray's presidency, but it has been the custom of the conference not to elect for a longer term, though by the law of the church a president can be elected five consecutive years. There is no rule now existing as to pastoral terms. Each conference can make a limit if it sees fit to do so.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

The annual session of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South will meet at Staunton, Va., March 10, and will be presided over by Bishop McTyeire. This conference embraces nearly all of the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, a part of Virginia and West Virginia and a little of Pennsylvania. The conference has 197 members upon its roll; besides there is a lay delegation of four members from each of the eight districts.

A. M. E. CHURCH.

The Baltimore conference of the African M. E. Church will meet at Annapolis on the 28th of April, and will be presided over by Bishop Wayman, of Baltimore. The conference has 19 stations and a number of missions, and has 29 ministers on ministers on the roll. There are three districts, and the presiding elders are Rev. James H. Johnson, Rev. W. H. Brown and Rev. Jas. A. Handy.

Men must work, and women must weep,
And there's little to earn, and many to keep.
—C. Kingsley.

Town Election.

The election for town officers on Monday passed off without incident worthy of note except that there were two tickets in the field and the vote cast was an exceptionally large vote compared to that usually cast at these elections. The successful ticket follows: Town Commissioners for two years, George Echenhofer, Thomas Massey Jr.; for one year, Wm. K. Lockwood, Dr. John H. Parvis, Jacob M. Foster; Assessor, Thomas Cavender; Treasurer, Alfred G. Cox; Alderman, John Vasey.

Yours Truly.

MR. EDITOR.—To the eighty-one Citizens voters: tax payers, property holders, and business men who voted for me at the recent Town Election for the office of Town Treasure, I return my sincere thanks. And to the many gentlemen who worked so faithfully for the success of the regular "Citizens Ticket" and for my individual success as well, I return double thanks. I *believe* the gentlemen elected as Commissioners, the Assessor and Aldermen will give satisfaction and possibly by a little extra labor the Treasurer may approach somewhere near the high standard of excellence that has been set up. I can only promise, that when the new Duplicate is placed in my hands I will go in and avoid if possible the necessity of returning so many of our distinguished citizens as errors. As there is now so much interest manifested in town affairs, perhaps some of these old delinquents would be willing to pay off old scores and have the prefix "error" removed. So this class of citizens I say, pay your taxes and then talk all you please and find all the fault you can.

Finally and in conclusion, I can always be found at the old stand, where I shall be happy to either receive taxes or pay orders on sight without defalcation or discount.

A. G. COX Treasurer.

Roll of Honor, Middletown Public Schools.

The following pupils have reached an average of 95 per cent. in attendance, deportment and recitations for the month ending Feb. 26:

DEPARTMENT No. 1.

Helen Naudain, Annie Ellison, Agnes Ludlum, Laura Willits, Ella Stephens, Mamie Rothwell, Sadie Harbert, James H. Budd, Alexis Wilson, Horatio Pharo, Edwin Walter, William Lockwood, Albert Clark, Emlin Massey, John C. Green, Nivin Crockett, Harry Clayton, Frank Pool, Charles H. Jolls, Clarence Clayton.

DEPARTMENT No 2.

Bertie Johnson, Maggie Echenhofer, Hattie Wilson, Jennie Green, Fannie Green, Ethel Parvis, Minnie Vasey, Katie Bradley, Roy Roberts, John Kelley, Merritt Willits, Robbie Comegys, Corbit Hayes, Howard Craddock.

DEPARTMENT No. 3.

Olla Whitlock, Visa Wilson, Thomas Budd, Jr., Thomas Kibler, Howard Wilson, Katie Green, Samuel Kelley, Harry Johnson, Willie Eliason, Victor Bradley, Lillie Clayton, Sarah Fox, Eddie Simmons, Gilpin Massey.

DEPARTMENT No. 4.

Katie Jones, Freddie Echenhofer, Harry Green, Willie Green, Dan Pleasanton, Jay Davis, Robbie Johnson, John Biles, Willie Makens, Albert Cavender, Sallie Jolls, Isaac Green, George Peters.

DEPARTMENT No. 5.

Bessie Dodd, Katie Hayes, Jennie Jones, Maud Smith, Mary Wildes, Thomas V. Bucke, Walter Davis, Fred Crouch, Norman Crouch, Martin Richards, Merritt Richards, Edgar Johnson.

Wilmington Conference.

The eighteenth annual session of the Wilmington Conference began in Elkton on Thursday. There is to be an unusual number of transfers of preachers this year and more than the usual interest is manifested in the proceedings.

Bishop Malialieu presided and the conference opened at nine o'clock a. m. with the administration of the Lord's Supper, after which the roll was called and the organization effected. The historical society held its anniversary in the afternoon, when Rev. B. F. Price preached a semi-centennial sermon. At 7.30 o'clock in the evening the Freedmen's Aid Society held its anniversary, with the Rev W. S. Robinson in the chair. The Rev. W. M. Frysinger, D. D., president of the Centenary Biblical Institute of Baltimore, and the Rev. J. M. Lindale delivered addresses.

Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu, who presides at the conference, was born at Sutton, Mass., in 1828. He joined the church at the age of 12 years. His preliminary education was obtained at Greenwich, R. I., whence he went to the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut, graduating in 1857. He was a member of the New England Conference for years, which he entered in 1858, the Old Bromfield Street Church, Boston, being among the important churches under his charge. He was presiding elder of the Boston district when the office of bishop was conferred upon him by the General M. E. Conference, at Association Hall, Philadelphia, on May 15, 1884. Three other bishops were elected at the same time—the Revs. John M. Walden, D. D., of Cincinnati, W. X. Ninde, D. D., of Detroit, and C. H. Fowler of New York.

Bishop Mallalieu is described as a tall man, with dark hair, sunny eyes and refined and genial manners. He is noted for versatility of speech, deep piety and for being a thorough Methodist.

Roll of Honor, Jamison Corner.

The following pupils have reached an average of 90 per cent. or above, in recitation, deportment and attendance for the month ending February 26: Elmer Bendler, Elsie Cleaver, Florence Lofland, Julia Lofland. Omitted for the month ending Jan. 31st, Elmer Bendler Julia Lofland.

Roll of Honor, Summit Bridge.

The following names are on the Roll of Honor, for the last month:—Lillie Jones for the last two months. George Boys, John Davis, Ella Degea, Purnal Davis, John Miller, John Sartain.

New Postmaster for Delmar.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The Postmaster General to-day appointed Martin M. Ellis postmaster at Delmar, Sussex county, Del.

Sales to Take Place.

Following are the public sales which will take place during the coming month:—

Tuesday, March 16th, 1886—J. F. Eliason—Sale of Household Goods, Middletown.

Monday, March 15th, 1886.—Sale of stock and farming utensils by Hannah Statts, near Warwick, Md.

Wednesday March 17th, 1886—Sale of stock and farming implements, in St. Vanco's Neck, St. Georges Hundred, sold by Jas. T. Shallcross.

He never spoke a word,
But with a look of deepest melancholy,
He sat, like patience, on an ottoman,
Watching for his wife to put her bonnet on.
—Lynn Item.

Matrimonial.

PRICE—CLAYTON.

Mr. J. Fletcher Price of Chesapeake City and Miss Mary Clayton, daughter of Colonel Joshua Clayton, of this place were married at the home of the bride's parents yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. C. Atkins of Bethel Church in the presence of the relatives and a few immediate friends.

The parlor was handsomly decorated with choice ferns, palms and hothouse flowers. Shortly after the ceremony the company were invited to partake of a handsome collation. The table was handsomely decorated with pyramids of flowers, fruit and cake. The bride's cake was in the shape of a pyramid handsomely decorated with a figure representing an Italian gondola, with cupid at the helm, and the bride and groom on board.

The bridal party left on the 5.37 train for Philadelphia upon an extended tour during which they will visit Baltimore and Washington.

The bride was dressed in a costume of white satin, court train, Duchesse point lace trimmings with panel of orange blossoms and lillies of the valley, sleeves of Duchesse lace, and diamond ornaments, the gift of the groom. She carried a bouquet of Nephetos buds and white hyacinths.

Among the presents were a silver service from the parents of the bride; a handsome painting in oil from Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Clayton; family Bible from Mrs. John B. Price; set of oyster forks from Miss Katie Price; silver oyster server from Miss Mary Price; Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Wallace, handsome berry spoon; Miss Mamie Wallace, silver cream ladle; Mr. and Mrs. William Price, black marble clock; sugar shell from Mr. T. L. Price; Maj. and Mrs. B. T. Biggs, dozen silver tea spoons: the Misses Young, of New Castle, dozen silver teaspoons; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clayton dozen silver after-dinner coffee spoons; Mr. Nathaniel J. Williams dozen decorated after-dinner coffee cups and saucers; Dr. and Mrs. W. G. B. Lewis, painting in oil; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Eliason, silver berry spoon; Mr John M. Naudain, gold thimble; Miss Louise Naudain, gold and silver card receiver; Dr. L. F. Ellison, silver berry spoon; R. Thomas Clayton, lunch castor; Mr. and Mrs. James P. Ford, silver soup ladle; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lippincott, nickel student lamp; Rev. E. C. Atkins, family Bible; Miss Fannie Clayton, handsome toilet set in plush; Miss Deputy, of Milford, Del., chair set in lace. The Wedding march from Tannhouser, was brilliantly rendered by Master Henry Clayton, nephew of the bride.

Obituary.

MRS. LYDIA A. DUNNING.

Mrs. Lydia A. Dunning, wife of postmaster Dunning died at her home here this morning about nine o'clock. She was born on Bohemia Manor, a daughter of the late Major John Jones, of this place and was 49 years and 6 months of age.

Mrs. Dunning was a graduate of Norristown Seminary, and a lady of very fine mind and much natural literary talent. In character she was of most excellent disposition, kind and affectionate. Making profession of her faith in Christ at the age of thirteen years she was ever a consistent Christian, faithful alike to her God and her church. Though an invalid for many years she bore the pains and sufferings of disease without a murmur and met the prospect or death with remarkable fortitude, and only looked upon it as a release from present things which were so grievous to the enjoyment of treasures above for the faithful. Besides her husband she leaves a son and daughter to grieve her departure.

WILLIAM FLINTHAM.

William Flintham, one of the most successful farmers hereabouts, died at his residence in Middle Neck on Saturday morning, which was the anniversary of his birthday and he was 64 years old. Mr. Flintham had always lived on the same farm and first saw the light amid the scenes upon which he finally closed his eyes in death. He was an energetic, frugal man and very successful in the pursuits to which he devoted his life. His work was done intelligently and with a perfect understanding of all the conditions governing the production of the best results in farming, and in consequence his profits in peach and grain culture were almost uniformly high. In private character Mr. Flintham was a man of the strictest integrity, a most excellent citizen, and withal friendly and courteous in his intercourse with his fellows, which won for him many friends.

Of Mr. Flintham's ancestors it is related that his great great grandfather landed at New Castle from England with seventeen sons. Two of these sons remained in Delaware and one of these two, Mr. Flintham's great grandfather, Benjamin Flintham, settled on the farm in Middle Neck upon which Mr. Flintham spent his life. The fifth generation of Flinthams now occupy the homestead in Middle Neck. The fifteen remaining sons of the original Flintham went south as far as North Carolina, and in the succeeding years and owing to difficult communication, the acquaintanceship of the two branches of the family was allowed to lapse until they have become utter strangers to each other. Mr. Flintham's mother was a Miss Sterling, a decendent of Lord Sterling.

In 1858 Mr. Flintham married Miss Carrie King, of Alexandria Va., and his wife, three daughters and one son survive him. He always made it a rule to invest a good share of his profits in real estate, and was the possessor of four fine farms three in Middle Neck, and one in Kent County, Md., which many consider one of the finest, if not the finest in Maryland.

His funeral took place from his residence on Wednesday afternoon, the interment being made at St. Anne's cemetery.

Peninsula News.

— The stock fixtures of the Overland Telephone Company were sold at public Sale last Thursday for $3,000 to C. B. Finley, Peter Hattenstine, S. D. McCullough and C. C. Caldwell. The fixtures of the company, it is said originally cost $7,000.

— HEAVY LOSS FROM HOG CHOLERA.—Mr. Edw. J. Watson, near Chestertown, has lost thirty-two 120 pound shoats since Christmas by hog cholera. There were forty head of hogs in the lot when the disease made its appearance, and all died but eight. These were saved—two of them after they were attacked—by a mixture of sulphur and saltpetre, in equal parts, fed with other food. Twenty other shoats in another field were not affected. —News.

— REVIVAL.—The revival meetings at the Methodist Protestant Church in Chestertown have been continued this week with increasing interest and success. A dozen or more penitents have been at the altar and there have been a number of conversions. Rev. W. R. Graham, the pastor, is an effective preacher and earnest worker and if Chestertown is not blessed with an extensive revival it will not be his fault.—News.

— James G. Knowles, proprietor of the New Castle Woolen Mills, has advanced wages 5 per cent.

— The remains of Nathaniel Pusey, a resident of Dublin district; Somerset county, who died at a very advanced age, were interred in the Presbyterian cemetery of Princess Anne on last Saturday. Mr. Pusey was noted for his eccentricity of character from the fact he drove a runaway or ox team.

— A Baltimore *American* special, dated Saturday, reports a destructive fire on Kent Island. The large barn and stables of Messrs. J. B. and C. W. Ringgold, were totally destroyed, together with two valuable horses, an engine and thresher and a lot of valuable farming implements. It is supposed that the fire was of incendiary origin, as it was the third barn burnt upon the same farm. The loss which is estimated at about $3,000 is fully covered by insurance in companies represented by W. H. Gibson.

— Joseph Howard, aged about 18 years, nephew of Patrick Scanlon, while wrestling on Tuesday afternoon with another youth at a sale of stock on the farm of William Jeffries, a few miles from Elkton, had his left leg broken below the knee.

— The stock and fixtures of William E. Cleaver's cannery, at Delaware City, were yesterday disposed of at public sale by Sheriff Ford, Thomas M. Ogle acting as auctioneer. Several thousand boxes of canned goods 12,000 tin cans, horse, wagon, sleigh, etc., were included in the sale. About $9,000 was realized the buyers were from Philadelphia and Baltimore, principally.

A Man, Some Ducks, a Horse, and a Boat.

There is in Sumter County, Ga., a certain pond or swamp of 100 acres or more. The water is very shallow, and grass grows luxuriantly in it. Here horses and cattle love to feed and ducks congregate in great numbers. They do not fear the horses and cattle, but are very shy when a man is around. Jim Murray thought that by hitching his horse to a flat-bottomed boat he could drive all over the swamp and kill no end of ducks. The plan worked well at first. The horse drew the boat easily, but when at the right time Jim said "Whoa," and jumped up to fire at the ducks, there was a hitch in the programme. The horse stopped, but the boat didn't. It quietly floated on and banged against the horse's hind legs. The horse jumped, and at that Jim took a header backward into the water, his gun going about twenty feet beyond him. Just where the gun went is not certain. It has not been seen since. The horse and the boat kept right on. When the horse wanted to stop, the boat hit his legs and urged him forward. Finally boat and horse got thoroughly tangled up, and the latter went down. Then Jim's brother Tom, who had been watching the show from the solid land, waded in and cut the horse loose, and at the same time Jim waded out. The boat was not hurt in the least.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFER.

From now until further notice, we will send THE TRANSCRIPT one year, and the New York *Weekly World* for six months, postage paid, to any address for $2.00, to all new subscribers paying in advance, and to old subscribers paying all arrears for subscriptions to THE TRANSCRIPT and paying one year in advance.—Or, we will send THE TRANSCRIPT and *The World* one year for $2.35.

The World is a live, progressive Democratic newspaper, gotten up with special features for the family circle and cannot fail to please in all its departments. Sample copies of THE TRANSCRIPT and *World* will be sent free to all the address we can secure.

Handsome portraits of Cleveland and Hendricks will be sent to every subscriber to the *World* for one year.

ANOTHER OFFER.

We will also furnish the Philadelphia *Weekly Press* at the same figures to all those who may prefer a newspaper which is Republican in politics.

This is by far the best offer of cheap and wholesome reading matter ever made to the reading public of this section. Both the *World* and the *Press* are eight page newspapers cram full of the news of the whole world (with vigorous comments upon it from their respective standpoints), agricultural notes, short stories, poetry and miscellany. Sample copies of the *Press* and TRANSCRIPT will also be sent free to all.

THE TRANSCRIPT will continue to be, as it ever has been, the leading and best local newspaper in lower New Castle county, and is in itself well worth the low price charged for the two newspapers.

Subscriptions sent by mail should be in shape of check, postal note or money order, and will receive prompt attention.

Subscriptions to *Press* and *World* will begin on the first of each month. Those to TRANSCRIPT will begin the same week they are received.

General Hancock's Successor.

The President yesterday nominated Brigadier-General Alfred H. Terry to be Major General., vice Winfield Scott Hancock, deceased. General Terry is a native of Connecticut. He entered the service in May, 1861, as a colonel of the Second Connecticut Volunteers, and in September of the same year he assumed command of the Seventh Connecticut. On April 25, 1662, he was made a brigadier-general of volunteers, and on January 15, 1865 he was promoted to major-general. His record during the war was conspicuous, the daring assault upon Fort Fisher, resulting in its capture, being one of its most marked features. General Terry at the close of the rebellion was placed in commond of the Department of the James, with head-quarters at Richmond, Va. His most noted services since the close of the war have been on the frontier, and he has acquired a high reputation as a successful Indian fighter. In 1875 he conducted a remarkable campaign against the hostile Sioux in the Northwest. It was in this campaign that General Custer, with a portion of Terry's force, was ambushed and slain. General Terry has long been one of the most popular officers in the regular army, and his promotion will give general satisfaction. When General Pope is retired he will doubtlesss be succeeded as major-general by General Howard.

She stretch'd in vain, to reach the prize—
What female heart can gold despise?
—T. Gray.

We may outrun,
By violent swiftness, that which we run at,
And lose by overrunning. —Shakspere.

AT THE THEATRE.

The curtain's up, the play's begun,
I strain my neck to see the fun.
And why? In front sit two fair girls,
With large, round bonnets o'er their curls
The curtain falls, the play is done,
I have seen nothing of the fun,
And why? In front sat two fair girls,
With large round bonnets o'er their curls.
—Life.

Some look to man for strength and aid
When faith is weak, and heart afraid,
Yet find that in their day of need
They lean upon a broken reed—
A treacherous staff. But blest is he
Who leans, Almighty God, on thee.

The house built firmly on a rock
Fears not the raging tempest's shock;
So they whose faith, and hope and love,
Are fixed on Christ and things above,
Remain unmoved—and blest is he
Whose help is found, O God, in thee.
—L. Squire.

'Tis winter now—but spring will blossom soon,
And flowers will lean to the embracing air—
And the young buds will vie with them to share
Each zephyr's soft caress; and when the moon
Bends her new silver bow, as if to fling
Her arrowy lustre through some vapor's wing,
The streamlets will return the glance of night
From their pure, gilding mirrors, set by spring
Deep in rich frames of clustering chrysolite,
Instead of winter's crumbled sparks of white.
—*Park Benjamin.*

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.—The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Dr. J. Gibson Carroll.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

WHEAT—No. 1,	95	CORN—	
No. 2,	90	Yellow,	41@00
Timothy Seed	2 70	White, "	41@00
Clover Seed, ₩ lb @13¼		Oats,	35@00

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS & CO.

Eggs, ₩ doz	12@16c
Butter, ₩ lb.	18@20c
Lard, ₩ lb.	7@09c
Chickens, dressed	09@10c
" live	7@08c
Ducks, dressed	12@10c
Turkeys "	12@14c
Geese, dressed	7@08c
Potatoes, ₩ bask new	30@35c
" ₩ bushel.	50@60c

Business Gossip.

THE greatest attraction in town is Hardcastle's five and ten cent counter, you will be surprised at the article you can buy for 5 cents.

CATARRH is a disease of the mucous membrane, almost invariably originating in the nasal passages and maintaining its stronghold in the head. Ely's Cream Balm will cure catarrh in its worst stages, and gives immediate relief from cold in head. It contains no injurious drugs. Price fifty cents.

New Advertisements.

Mules and Horses

FOR SALE.

The undersigned will have for sale on and after

Monday, March 8th,

at their stables

In Middletown, Delaware,

A very fine lot of Western Mules, broken and unbroken, from 3 to 6 years old. Also, some good young work and brood mares, sound and good workers. We would be pleased to have those in need of stock to call and examine this before buying.

5mar-3t L. P. McDOWELL & SON.

NO. 1181.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION of the CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK, at Middletown, in the State of Delaware, at the close of business, December 24th, 1885:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	$154,537 06
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	80,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages,	7,487 91
Due from approved Reserve agents,	3,463 15
Due from other National Banks,	2,008 40
Due from State banks and bankers,	38 66
Real Estate, furniture and fixtures,	25,160 69
Current expenses and taxes paid,	601 75
Premiums paid,	11,500 00
Bills of other banks,	3,315 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies,	234 74
Specie,	1,500 00
Legal tender notes,	5,652 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation),	3,550 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	40 00
Total,	$299,089 07

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in,	$80,000 00
Surplus fund,	16,000 00
Undivided profits,	4,151 83
National Bank Notes outstanding,	72,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check,	100,410 68
Due to other National Banks,	1,818 47
Due to State Banks and bankers,	333 09
Notes and b

The Transcript

Friday Afternoon, March 5, 1886.

NEVERMORE.

...dusty swallows in my balcony
...build their nests again will come; again
...busily wing, beat clamoring joyously
...the window-pane.

...that passed, forgetful to pursue
...flight, thy beauty and my bliss be-
...fore,
To whom our names a sound familiar grew—
They will come back no more.

Again, luxuriant, thy garden wall
The honeysuckle, as of yore, will climb;
Again its blossoms open, prodigal
Of sweets, at eventime.

But they, the blossoms that for us exhaled
Their sweets, whose cups with dewdrops
brimming o'er,
Like tears of joy, together we beheld—
They will come back no more.

And on thine ear love's ardent utterance
Falling again, this silence, too, will break,
And, yielding to its spell, thy heart perchance
From its deep sleep awake

But as the saint in silent ecstacy
Before the altar kneeling may adore
As I have loved thee—love like this to thee
Shall come, ah, nevermore!

—*Spanish of Gustavo Becquer.*

Business Principles.

Uncle Rastus—"Kin I kerleck a little bill, Mr. Robinson?"

Mr. Robinson—"What is it for, Uncle Rastus?"

Uncle Rastus—"Hits fo' sawin' dat las' co'd ob wood, sah."

Mr. Robinson—"But I paid you once for that job."

Uncle Rastus—"Is yer sho'?"

Mr. Robinson—"Yes, I'm sure."

Uncle Rastus—"Has yo' got a re-
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...e Da—" Receipt? No."
...s—"Den I tell yo'
...gh. Yo' pays me de
...avs yer a receep for it.
...principles, an' we don'
...of us hab no mo' trubble
...ccount."—Life.

The Difference.

It shows that of $15,0... strange, but nevertheless true, was co...me farmers can't see the differ...ence between being reckless and progressive. Well, here it is in a nutshell. Saddle your $3,000 farm with a mortgage of $2,000; spend the proceeds for high-priced horse flesh, fancy harness and a $500 carriage; this is recklessness. Live within your income; feed your live stock well; test the efficacy of new things; keep up with the times and on the same footing with others who are making agriculture a success; this is progression. See? The picture is overdrawn? Not a bit of it. Open your eyes, look around you, and—yes, examine closely your own mode of procedure and you will see with wiser eyes perhaps, than at present.

Plantation Philosophy.

Hard work at de right time will raise er better crap den pra'r at de wraung time.

It is ez bad ter be deceibed by er fren' ez it is ter be kicked by er ole fam'ly hoss.

I ain't got no conferdence in the half way man. Hot an' col' meat won't spile, but wa'm meat will.

I nebber bodders meself erbout' pearances. Ef I haster be flung by er mule I'd ruther be flung in the mud. I mount git up lookin wus den I would ef I had been flung on the hard groun' but den I wouldn't be hu't ha'f so bad. —Arkansaw Traveler.

Nothing at All Left.

"Have you put all my bagge in the wagon?" asked Colonel Witherspoon of the porter at a Galveston hotel.

"Yes, sah."

"Put the four trunks in?"

"Yes, sah."

"And the two valises."

"Yes, sah."

"And the hat box."

"Yes, sah."

"Then you are sure I've not left anything in this hotel?"

"You've not left nuffin, boss, not eben a dime for the culled porter."—Texas Siftings.

Signal Service Flags.

The question is often asked as to the significance of the displayed flags of the Government Signal Service. A rhyming officer of the service has formulated its entire flag code as follows:

A sun of red is weather warm,
A sun of blue is general storm,
A cresent red is weather cold,
A cresent blue is fair foretold,
A star of red no change implies,
A blue star local stormy skies,
A square of black on flag of white,
A cold wave comes in all its might.
—Chicago Journal.

The only reliable cure for catarrh is Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

So he was.—In a suit at Denver a few days ago, the defendant in a case was asked by the opposing counsel: "What did you pay for this silver mine originally?" "I gave a revolver and $25, sir." "Did you take out any ore?" "No, sir. There was none to take out." "And yet you sold it to the plaintiffs (from the east) for $28,000? Didn't you deliberately intend to swindle them?" "Oh, no sir. I thought I was letting them off mighty easy for a couple of men who were going to form a stock company and float out a hundred thousand shares at $100 each on the confiding public." —Wall Street News.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE—W. W. Reed druggist, of Winchester, Ind., writes: "One of my customers, Mrs. Louisa Pike, Bartonia, Randolph Co., Ind., was a long sufferer with Consumption and was given up to die by her physicians. She heard of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and began buying it of me. In six months' time she walked to this city, a distance of six miles, and is now so much improved she feels she owes her life to it." Free Trial Bottles at Dr. J. Gibson Carroll's Drug Store.

Troubles spring from idleness, and grievous toils from needless ease.

Church Directory.

ST. ANNE'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. J. Beers, Rector.
Sunday services at 10.30 a. m., and 7.00 p. m.
Friday 3.30 p. m. Sunday School 2.30 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. A. Stengle, Pastor.
Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., Alfred G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer Meeting every Thursday evening at 7.00 o'clock. The Class Meetings are held as follows: Sunday 9 a. m., M. D. Wilson, Leader: Monday evening, at 7 o'clock, W. H. Moore, Leader; Tuesday evening, at 7.00 o'clock, led by the Pastor, Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock, Alfred G. Cox, Leader. The seats are free and all are welcome.

FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Rev. W. C. Alexander, Pastor.
Services every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening, from October to April, at 7 o'clock and from April to October at 7.30 o'clock, Sabbath School every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, S. M. Reynolds, Superintendent. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening.
Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 2.30 p. m.

A Western newspaper says that the *latest* sensation is a St. Louis horse that chews tobacco; but the *greatest* sensation is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Salvation Oil is the greatest pain-destroyer of the age. It speedily annihilates pain, whether from a cut, bruise, scald, burn, frost-bite, or from a wound of any other kind. Price only 25 cents.

All those things which are now held to be of the greatest antiquity, were, at one time, new; and what we to-day hold up by example, will rank hereafter as a precedent.

As ceremony is the invention of wise men to keep fools at a distance, so good breeding is an expedient to make fools and wise men equals.

Letters of introduction are not always successful to get a man into good society, no more than eloquent obituaries are to get a man into heaven.

"Dried tongue," was the answer that a minister gave some one who asked what he had in his carpet bag, which contained seven sermons.

New Joke by the End Man.

End Man to Interlocutor: "Say, Mr. Jones, I suppose you have seen dem big advertisements aroun' town to day?"

Interlocutor: "Do you mean those very handsome posters of Hood's Sarsaparilla?" Yes, I have seen them."

End Man: "Well, Mr. Jones. do you know I've been taking Hood's Sarsaparilla myself, and I think it would be a wonderful good medicine for Bob Ingersoll to take?"

Interlocutor: "For Bob Ingersoll? Why would it be good for him?'

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Delaware Division

On and after December 21, 1885, (Sundays excepted), trains will leave as follows:—

	NORTHWARD. PASS. A.M.	PASS. A.M.	PASS. A.M.	PASS. P.M.
Delmar			9.05	3.20
Laurel			9.16	3.31
Seaford	6.00		9.28	3.43
Cannons	6.03		9.35	3.49
Bridgeville	6.11		9.41	3.55
Greenwood	6.19		9.51	4.03
Farmington	6.27		10.00	4.11
Harrington	6.39	7.50	10.18	4.23
Felton	6.49	8.08	10.29	4.32
Viola	6.53		10.34	4.36
Woodside	6.57		10.40	4.39
Wyoming	7.04	8.19	10.46	4.46
Dover	7.11	8.25	10.54	4 53
Dupont	7.14			
Moorton	7.20		11.02	5.03
Brenford	7.24		11.07	5.08
Smyrna *Le*	7.19	8.33	11.04	5.03
Clayton	7.29	8.43	11.14	5.13
Green Spring	7.33		11.18	5.17
Blackbird	7.41		11.25	5.23
Townsend	7.46	8.56	11.30	5.28
Middletown	7.56	9.04	11.40	5.37
Armstrong	8.00			5.40
Mt. Pleasant	8.04		11.50	5.44
Kirkwood	8.13		12.00	5.52
Porter's	8.20		12.05	5.56
Bear	8.25		12.11	6.02
State Road	8.31		12.16	6.08
New Castle	8.37	9.31	12.23	6.14
Hare's Corner	8.45		12.27	
Wilmington	8.55	9.42	12.40	6.30
Philadelphia	9.42	10.32	1.40	7.31
Baltimore	12.25	12.25	3.10	9.05

	SOUTHWARD. PASS. A.M.	PASS. P.M.	PASS. P.M.	PASS. P.M.
Philadelphia	7.24	11.35	3.01	5.21
Baltimore	6.40	10.08	12.10	3.10
Wilmington	8.35	12.33	3.50	6.25
Hare's Corner				6.33
New Castle	8.49	12.49	4.02	6.40
State Road	8.55	12.55		6.46
Bear	9.00	1.00		6.53
Porter's	9.06	1.06		7.01
Kirkwood	9.10	1.09		7.06
Mt. Pleasant	9.27	1.18		7.16
Armstrong	9.31			7.18
Middletown	9.36	1.27	4.33	7.25
Townsend	9.45	1.36		7.35
Blackbird	9.50	1.41		7.40
Green Spring	9.56	1.48		7.47
Clayton	10.03	1.53	4.51	7.53
Smyrna *Air*	9.50	1.44	4.40	7.43
Brenford	10.07	1.58		7.58
Moorton	10.12	2.04		8.04
Dupont				8.07
Dover	10.22	2.14	5.11	8.15
Wyoming	10.29	2.22	5.17	8.21
Woodside	10.34	2.29		8.28
Viola	10.44	2.33		8.32
Felton	10.49	2.38	5.30	8.37
Harrington	11.06	2.52	5.40	8.45
Farmington	11.14	2.59		8.53
Greenwood	11.24	3.06		9.02
Bridgeville	11.34	3.22		9.12
Cannons	11.39	3.27		9.18
Seaford	11.50	3.44		9.28
Laurel	12.03	3.53		
Delmar	12.15	4.05		

NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA & NORFOLK RAILROAD EXPRESS.—Leave Philadelphia 10.17 a. m. week-days, and 11.10 p. m. daily. Leave Baltimore 6.20 a. m., 7.35 p. m., Wilmington 10.58 a. m. week-days and 11.53 p. m. daily, stopping at Dover and Delmar regularly; and at Middletown, Harrington, and Seaford to leave passengers from Wilmington and points North or take on passengers for points south of Delmar.

The 10.17 a. m. train also stops at Laurel, and the 11.10 p. m. train at New Castle, to leave passengers from Wilmington and points North, or take passengers for points south of Delmar. 11.10 p. m. train also stops at Laurel to leave passengers from Wilmington or points North.

North-bound trains leave Delmar 1.35 a. m. daily, and 2.38 p. m. week-days, Dover 2.29 a. m, and 3.57 p. m. regularly; arriving Wilmington 4.05 a. m. 5.10 p. m., Baltimore 6.45 a. m. and 8.35 p. m., and Philadelphia 4.50 a. m. and 5.53 p. m. The 2.38 p. m train also stops at Harrington regularly; and at Laurel, Seaford, Clayton and Middletown to leave passengers from a point south of Delmar, or take passedgers for Wilmington and points North-points North.

The 1.35 p. m. train also stops at Seaford, Harrington, Clayton, and Middletown to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take on passengers for Wilmington and points North.

NEW CASTLE ACCOMMODATION TRAINS—Leave Wilmington at 2.50 p. m. Leave New Castle at 3.35 p. m.

DELAWARE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA BRANCH TRAINS.—Leave Harrington for Lewes 11.06 a. m., 5.45 and 8.45 p. m.; for Franklin and way stations 11,06 a. m. Returning, trains leave Lewes for Harrington 6.35, and 8.45 a. m., and 3.00 p. m. Leave Franklin 6.35 and 8.00 a. m.

CONNECTION.—At Porter with Newark & Delaware City railroad. At Townsend, with Queen Anne's and Kent Rail Road. At Clayton, with Delaware and Chesapeake Rail Road and Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad. At Harrington, with Delaware, Maryland & Virginia Railroad. At Seaford, with Cambridge and Seaford Rail Road. At Delmar, with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk, Wicomico & Pocomoke, and Peninsular Railroads.

CHAS. E. PUGH, General Manager.
J. R. WOOD, Gen. Pass. Agent,
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Wilmington & Northern Railroad.

Time Table in effect December 6st, 1885.

GOING NORTH.

Stations.	Daily, (except Sunday.) a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m
Wilmington, P. W. & B. Sta	7.00	..	2.45	5.00	6.19	
Dupont	7.20	..	3.05	5.23	6.42	
Chadd's Ford Jc	7.44	..	3.33	6.03	..	
Lenape	7.55	..	3.33	6.13	..	
West Chester(Stg)	6.45	..	2.45	5.00	..	
Coatesville	8.36	..	4.10	6.49	..	
Waynesbrg Jc	9.16	..	4.47			
St. Peters	7.00	..	12.50	..	..	
Warwick	7.15	..	1.05	..	..	
Springfield	7.30	9.34	1.20	5.04	..	
Birdsboro	8.08	10.06	2.05	5.27	..	
Reading, P. & R. Station	8.45	10.40	2.40	6.00	..	

SATURDAY TRAINS.—Leave Wilmington, P. W. & B. Station, 5.00 p. m.; arrive at Reading, 8.41 a. m.

GOING SOUTH

Daily (except Sunday).

Stations.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	am.	p.m.	p.m.
Reading, P. & R. Station			8.00	9.30	3.00	5.55
Birdsboro			8.32	10.00	3.30	6.35
Springfield			9.00	11.03	4.03	6.35
Warwick				11.15		6.47
St. Peter's				11.30		7.00
Waynesburg Jc			9.16	..	4.22	..
Coatesville			7.00	9.54		5.05
W. Chester(Stage)			6.45	9.40	..	5.00
Lenape			7.44	10.31	..	6.02
Chadd's Ford Jc			7.54	10.43	..	6.02
Dupont			6.05	8.20	11.03	6.23
Wilmington, P. W. & B. Sta			6.35	8.44	11.25	6.43

MONDAY TRAINS.—Leave Reading, P. & R. Station, 5.05 A. M.; arrive at Wilmington, 8.44 a. m.

For connections at Wilmington, Chadd's Ford Junction, Lenape, Coatesville, Waynesburg Junction, Birdsboro, and Reading, see time-tables at all stations.

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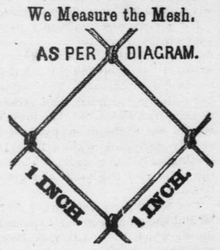

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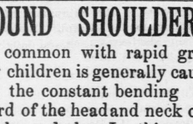

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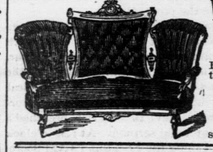

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Than to punish that little urchin
Who has just laughed out in school.
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It would be a different thing,
But he could no more help it
Than a lark can help to sing.

I know by his clouded jacket,
And his shoes tied with a cord,
That a laugh is the only luxury
Of childhood he can afford;
And he hasn't much time left him
For even the trivial joy;
For he'll have to earn his living
While he is yet a boy.

You ask why I defend him!
Well, the fact is yester night
I found a dog's-eared primer
That I used when but a mite,
And in imagination,
As I turned the pages o'er,
I saw some wonderful pictures
That I never found before.

I saw a certain urchin,
(Called Clarence by the boys);
Go toddling into the schoolroom,
Making his share of noise;
I saw him during school time
Play pranks upon the sly,
With the rosy little Agnes,
Till she laughed as she would die,

I think we all are better,
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